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SUBJECT: NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY ON THE WEST BANK

1. THE GOI IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THREE SITES IN
THE NABLUS AREA FOR SETTLEMENT. A TOUR OF THE AREA FEBRUARY
2 CONFIRMED STATUS AND LOCATION OF THESE SITES.

2. TAPUAH -- LOCATED ON A RISE JUST WEST
OF THE NABLUS-JERUSALEM ROAD ABOUT
13 KM. SOUTH OF NABLUS AND JUST NORTH OF THE SECONDARY ROAD
TO YASUF. (APPROXIMATELY 32 DEGREES 07 MINUTES NORTH, 35 DEGREES
15 MINUTES EAST.) SITE AT APPROXIMATELY THIS LOCATION HAS BEEN
NAMED TAPUAH BY GUSH EMUNIM AND TARGETED FOR SETTLEMENT.
ISRAELI PRESENCE SEEMS PURELY MILITARY AT THIS STATE. FACILITIES
LIMITED TO ABOUT 10 ARMY TENTS. NO PERMAENT OR PRE-FAB BUILDINGS.
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PORTABLE WATER TANKS AND GENERATOR PROVIDE UTILITIES. PERIMETER
FENCE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A RESIDENT OF THE NEARBY VILLAGE OF
YASUF TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT 150 DUNUMS AT SITE OWNED BY
INDIVIDUALS OF THAT VILLAGE WHO POSSESSED LAND TITLES HAD
BEEN EXPROPRIATED BY THE MILGOV. COMPENSATION HAD BEEN OFFERED,
BUT REFUSED. VILLAGER CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD NEVER BEEN A
JORDANIAN MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE SITE.

3. HARIS --LOCATED ABOUT 3 KM SOUTHEAST OF THE ARAB VILLAGE OF KIFL HARITH. (APPROXIMATELY 32 DEGREES 06 MINUTES NORTH, 35 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST.) ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS OF NEW, UNSURFACED ROAD LINK HARIS TO THE SECONDARY ROAD FROM SALFIT TO KIFL HARITH. FACILITIES ARE LIMITED TO THREE PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES. LARGE NUMBER OF CARS INDICATE CIVILIAN PRESENCE. SIGNPOSTS AND FLAGS INDICATE MILITARY PRESENCE AS WELL. ARAB FARMER WHO LIVES NEXT TO THE SETTLEMENT TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT LAND WAS EXPROPRIATED FROM INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN KIFL HARITH, MARDA AND SALFIT--INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF SALFIT. OWNERS POSSESS TITLES. INFORMANT HAD NO IDEA OF PROCESS OF EXPROPRIATION, BUT CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PREVIOUS JORDANIAN OR ISRAELI MILITARY CAMP AT SITE.

4. NAHAL MA'ALE (SILAT ADH DHAHR) -- LOCATED ON A PEAK BETWEEN THE ARAB VILLAGES OF SILAT ADH DHAHR AND BURQA JUST TWO KILOMETERS (ON A NEW ROAD) EAST OF THE NABLUS-JENIN ROAD. (APPROXIMATELY 32 DEGREES 19 MINUTES NORTH, 35 DEGREES, 12 MINUTES EAST.) ISRAELI PRESENCE SEEMS TO BE PURELY MILITARY. FACILITIES LIMITED TO 12 ARMY TENTS, WATER TANKS AND GENERATOR. NO PERIMETER FENCE OR BUILDINGS. ARAB WHO MAINTAINS SHOP NEARBY TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT ABOUT 550 DUNUMS HAD BEEN EXPROPRIATED FROM VILLAGERS OF BURQA AND SILAT ADH DHAHR WHO HELD TITLES. SOME OF THE LAND HAD BEEN CULTIVATED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT 25 OLIVE TREES WERE CUT DOWN BY THE IDF IN PREPARING THE SITE AND ONE, UNINHABITED HOUSE HAD BEEN DESTROYED, ARAB SAID. NO PREVIOUS JORDANIAN OR ISRAELI MILITARY CAMP AT SITE.
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